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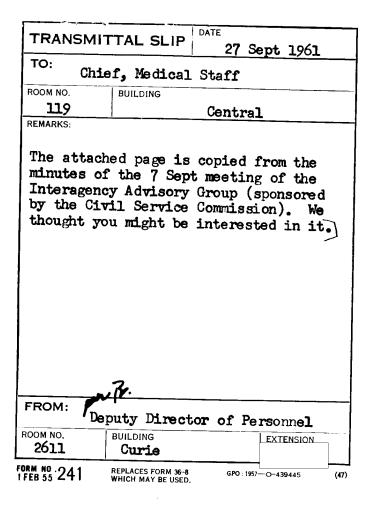
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"It is fitting that Government, as an employer, should lead the way in selective placement of physically handicapped persons so as to utilize their skills and abilities, and I therefore reaffirm the established employment policy of the Executive branch, as follows:

- 1. Physical standards will be fair, reasonable, and adapted to the realistic requirements of jobs.
- 2. An opportunity will be provided for a fair appraisal of pertinent qualifications of physically handicapped applicants and employees.
- 3. Physical abilities of handicapped persons being considered for examination, appointment, or reassignment will be appraised in relation to the essential physical requirements of jobs.
- 4. Employees who acquire disabilities as the result of work injuries, off-the-job accidents or disease conditions, will be given full opportunity in reemployment or in transferring to other more suitable jobs.
- 5. Recourse to unduly prolonged or permanent benefits under the Employees' Compensation Act should be avoided whenever possible. Disability retirement should be considered only after every feasible effort at reassignment has been made."
- --Agency Aprials System: Mr. Irons announced that since the Task Force on Employee-Wanagement Relations has an interest in internal appeals procedures and systems, the Commission was turning over to it background material on agency arrials systems which the Commission's staff had compiled. Included in this material will be the manutes of the IAG Committee (IAG-160) which contain alrency views on Commission proposals in this area.
- -Civil Service Journal: Mr. Irons reminded the Group that the time has come to reorder copies of the Civil Service Journal. An official notice on this matter will be sent out shortly. In the meantime, he suggested that agencies consider the number of copies of the Journal which they will require. Judging from the number of requests that the Journal which they will require. Judging from the number of requests that the Journal which they will require. The cost many agencies may wish to increase purchases by a sizable number. The cost is less than \$7.00 per hundred copies. Agencies wishing to purchase copies should arrange to ride the Journalssion's requisition.
- Program Planning Division, asked the members to contact him if they have any strong feelings, pro or con, concerning the desirability of legislation to protect Federal medical personnel from malpractica suits. Mr. Leich explained that in some quarters there is a concern over the rising incidence of liability suits growing out of medical treatment. Many physicians now purchase liability insurance privately. A proposal has been advanced that the Commission submit proposed legislation to Congress for consideration based upon the Bill now before the Congress which would provide liability protection for Government motor vehicle operators. Refere proceeding the contraction this matter, the Commission wishes to have the views of any agents.



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Civil Service Units Win Control Of Allocating Super-Grade Jobs

By JOSEPH YOUNG

Star Staff Writer

Congress has adopted a policy assuring a more equitable allo- It returned to the Civil Service employe bills: Increased life cation of the choice super-grade Commission's jurisdiction 451 insurance, greater initial cash jobs to the various departments super-grade jobs which pre- promotions for classified emand agencies in Government.

adding 785 super-grade and Public Law 313 jobs, Congress will lose them, but it means when they will be taken up at adopted a policy against award- that as these jobs are vacated the point to which they proing super-grade jobs on the through retirement, resignation gressed this year basis of political favoritism.

practice of approving super-positions as it sees fit. grade jobs (grades 16 to 18 paying up to \$18,500 a year) as grade jobs approved by Con- Service Commission is consider-

all super-grade job requests in partment, 15 for the National the Civil Service Committees. new United States Arms Con-

two committees, a penalty pro- set aside for any new functions vision is provided: The addi- or agencies that are set up. tional super-grade jobs received by an agency or department jobs through this method.

have been short-changed and Space Administration 135; asked the views of all interested other agencies got too many NASA Advisory Counch super-grade jobs. Those depart- Arms Control, 14; Federal Auj- agencies. ment and agency heads who ation Agency, 18; Defense, 80: were close to top members of Interior, 3; Agriculture, 3; Congress frequently were able Health, Education and Welfare, approved and sent to the White to get special legislation passed 3; Commerce, 5; Post Office, 3; House the bill placing military giving them extra super-grade National Security Agency, 10, leave for Federal employes on jobs. The other agencies had to and Federal Aviation Agency, a calendar-year basis instead depend on the limited number 18. of super-grade jobs given the CSC to distribute.

this policy.

or death, the CSC will have the It called for an end to the authority to reassign these

The new policy provides that marked for the Defense De-Federal duties. If Congress does bypass these trol Agency. Another 50 will be

PUBLIC LAW 313 JOBS through this method will be Regarding the 280 additional deducted from the number of Public Law 313 scientific and jobs they already are entitled engineering jobs paying up to to under the Civil Service Com- \$19,000 a year that were apmission super-grade pool. Thus, proved, they were especially Health Service hospitals, as departments and agencies earmarked by Congress for va- Health Service hospitals, as could not gain any super-grade rious departments and agencies. well as to all others engaged in Here is the breakdown:

ACTION DEFERRED — As the bill.

Now Congress has forbidden Congress prepares to go home, it's certain now that it will not Congress went even further, act this year on these Federal viously had been authorized by ployes, and optional retirement Congress by special legislation, of employes on full annuities As part of the bill it approved This doesn't mean that the after 30 years of service at age agencies now having these J. bs 55. All go over until next year,

> PROTECTION FOR MEDI-Similarly, the 480 new super- CAL PERSONNEL—The Civil

part of riders to appropriation gress last week go to the SC, ing a proposal to Congress next bills or through other actions which will decide their allo- year to protect Government circumventing the House and cations to the various depart- doctors, nurses and other medi-Senate Civil Service Commit-ments and agencies. Of this cal personnel against malpracnumber, 35 are definitely ear-tice suits arising out of their

The proposal would be along the future are to be handled by Security Agency and 14 for the the same lines as the new law protecting Government employes against civil suits arising from accidents while driving vehicles on Federal business. Similarly, the Government would be the defendant in malpractice cases.

medical work and research for In the past, some agencies National Aeronauties and the Government. The CSC has Government departments and

> **APPROVED** — Congress has of a fiscal-year basis. President Kennedy is expected to sign

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SHEATHCT: Reference to Item in IAG Summary of September 7, 1961, Regarding Agency Enterest in CSC Developing Proposed Legislation to Protest Federal Medical Personnel from Malyrestics Suits

1. As a follow-up to recent discussions on subject between representatives of the Office of Personnel and the Medical Staff, Mr. Harold H. Laich, Chief, Program Flanning Division of the Civil Service Countation, was called and notified that CIA was definitely interested in his Division proceeding with the development of the proposed legislation.

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- 2. This action was taken after phone convermations with of the Medical Staff revealed that such action was the desire of Dr. J. Zietjen. The Medical Staff wishes to be kept advised of developments.
- 3. Mr. Leich stated that nothing further was required from the Agency at this time. He said that there was now a total of four agencies expressing interests and in view of this, he thought they would so sheed and develop this proposed legislation. has been advised.

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